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By Jessica Gallart
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The Zuckerberg effect

Internet split on whether Facebook CEO should be Person of the Year

CNN

Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg was announced Wednesday as Time magazine's Person of the Year, and, predictably, the Internet had some thoughts about it.

Many in the tech blogosphere said it's hard to argue with the Time distinction for the man who steered the social-networking juggernaut to more than half a billion users.

"[I]t's clear that Facebook has, in fact, been at the center of electrifying change in the way that we communicate with the people around us and share information," wrote Caroline McCarthy of CNET. "And if Zuckerberg's relentlessly hands-on approach with Facebook—which seems to have grown even closer and more obvious over the years—is any sign, this could not have happened without the young, flip-flops-clad CEO."

Others cited all the attention Facebook received this year for its privacy flaps, its efforts to spread its features to other areas of the Web and the hit movie "The Social Network."

But not all the chatter was positive.

Ed Morrissey of the conservative political blog Hot Air said he was "underwhelmed."

"Apparently, Time didn't know that Facebook launched in February 2004, and had achieved the status of most-trafficked social network by the end of 2008," Morrissey wrote. "If the issue was impact, it seems as though Time is two years too late in awarding this."

He argued the Tea Party movement should have gotten the distinction or possibly Wikileaks founder Julian Assange.

Assange topped a Time online poll (with allegations of digital ballot stuffing soon following) that asked users who the magazine should name Person of the Year. (Zuckerberg was 10th.)

Computerworld blogger Richi Jennings called Zuckerberg's selection "a snub to WikiLeaks."

"Did Time cave in to political pressure? I neither know nor care," Jennings wrote. "What I do know is that this year's choice is simply ludicrous."



Zuckerberg
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What do RedEye readers think?

We asked our social media friends what they thought of Time choosing Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg as its Person of the Year. Here are some of the responses. Join the conversation on Twitter at [@redeyechicago](#) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheRedEye](#).

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- » **Greg Carroll:** What a dumb photo!
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- » **Ryan Swartz:** Runner-Up: MySpace Tom.
- » **Junu Phillips:** Probably a good call for person of the year. Anyone who turns down Google and has over half a billion friends, deserves some recognition.
- » **Scott Sandalow:** If the WikiLeaks issue broke earlier definitely could have made a case for Julian Assange.
- » **Oscar Guerrero:** You have to give this man credit. You are typing on his program now.

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Nice knowing you, minority TV stars

You've probably heard NBC's new slogan by now. And if you haven't, brace yourself—it's pretty patronizing.

It's "More colorful."

The network debuted the slogan in September, describing it to industry website **variety.com** as a reference to its heritage and 1960s-like bumpers that said, "The following program is brought to you in living color on NBC."

At first, this sounded like an interesting marketing campaign. I thought, "Of course, they're talking about that fruity peacock, right?" But when I heard the network's lineup of new shows featured a slew of black, Latino and Indian folks, I laughed out loud. I couldn't decide if I was offended or impressed—and the new slogan definitely brought to my attention that NBC wasn't always so inclusive.

NBC's fall TV shows deliberately included more "colorful" actors, such as Blair Underwood in "The Event"; Terrance Howard and Regina Hall in "Law & Order: Los Angeles"; Jimmy Smits in "Outlaw"; Chicago-area native Parvesh Cheena in "Outsourced," a sitcom whose entire premise centers around laughing at Indian people; and the attractive black spies of "Undercovers," played by Boris Kodjoe and Gugu Mbatha-Raw.

I liked "Undercovers," the black version of the film "Mr. & Mrs. Smith." The show—created, it's worth noting, by "Lost" producer J.J. Abrams—was smart, the characters were trilingual, and it was just plain entertaining. I was convinced that not only would this show be around for a while, but that Mbatha-Raw would be the world's next breakout star.

I was wrong—on both counts.

Almost as quickly as NBC got "more colorful," it got less colorful, pulling the plug on "Undercovers" and "Outlaw" after a few months.

What happened? Were NBC's new shows *too* colorful? No. The problem wasn't the scripts or the actors—"Outlaw," about a Supreme Court justice who steps down to return to private practice, also was pretty good—it was NBC's marketing.

Including multicultural characters in TV shows is important. Yet when I see a lineup of shows that deliberately cater to specific groups of viewers, it comes off as trying too hard and can even scare off traditional audiences who aren't interested in watching "black" or "Latino" TV. If NBC had let "Undercovers" and "Outlaw" stand on their own merits, the shows would have lasted and fared well with viewers of all races.

NBC, try to be slightly more subtle next time. We get it, you're attempting to be more diverse now, and that's cool ... but how's that working out for you? Let it be natural and authentic, and the viewers will come.

For the time being, I'll go back to watching some other "more colorful" shows—"The Real Housewives of Atlanta," anyone?—until the programming fare gets better.

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Power couple

Chicago native Nathan Williams dishes on why he took on 'Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys'

By Curt Wagner | REDEYE

Chicago native Nathan Williams, of the new docu-series "Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys," wants you to know that he has gay friends.

It just so happens that Sundance Channel and the reality show's producers are most interested in the attorney-turned-movie producer's relationship with his straight gal-pal, Crystal McCrary. The duo are one of four couples featured in the show, which explores gay guy-straight girl friendships.

If you're thinking the "Will & Grace" phenomenon is old news, you're not wrong. But Williams believes it's a phenomenon worth exploring.

"It's an intimate relationship without sexual intimacy ... the part that messes up all relationships," said Williams, who lives in New York. "And I think that's interesting."

Throughout the eight-episode season, we'll see the friends working to get McCrary's book about the wives of NBA stars, "Homecourt Advantage," made into a movie. The show also explores Williams' desire to become a father—and how McCrary might help him. He asks her to be his surrogate.

RedEye chatted with Williams, who grew up on the South Side, when he came home to spend Thanksgiving with his mother. He talked about his friendship with McCrary, their goals for the show and what it's like having your life filmed.

McCrary and Williams
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McCrory and Williams
in 'Girls Who Like Boys
Who Like Boys'
SUNDANCE CHANNEL

What was your motivation for agreeing to do the show?

My main hope for the show is that it opens people's minds and makes people remember that we're all human. ... Whether you're gay, straight, black, brown, blue, white—we all have the same goals, wants, desires and we all have the same problems.

A major part of your storyline is your desire to have kids. Has that always been important to you?

It is something I've always wanted to do, probably because I had such a great childhood. ... I love kids.

Was it difficult to get used to the cameras while filming the show?

The cameras didn't bother me because we didn't shoot 24/7. We knew exactly when they were going to be there; we knew the event. It was just a matter of going in and doing the event. What was odd for me were the probing questions. ... There are some very intimate things that I share; it was a little uncomfortable.

Did you keep things from them?

Crystal and I both withheld, I would say, 70 percent of our schedule. ... For the most part, what you see is what you get; that's who we are. The banter that you see is how we are with each other.

The gay guy-straight girl thing is not new, so why this show now?

Within a relationship where the woman is straight and the guy is gay, you take out that big "S." She's allowed to be completely a woman and she has someone who is allowed to understand that part of her, that feminine side of her. And she understands that part of him that allows them to relate to each other in a way she can't relate to a straight guy because always in the back of the minds is sex.

Just because you are gay, it doesn't mean you are destined to have a straight female BFF. As in any friendship, you have to click.

I tell this to people all the time: My sexuality is secondary to us connecting. My sexuality allows us to have a relationship that is much more expansive. ... It opens avenues that it wouldn't if I were straight.

Tell me about your relationship with Chicago.

Chicago is always in my heart. I call on Chicago every day. ... I talk so fondly about growing up in this city and what it meant to my development. Chicagoans are some of the most genuine, down-to-earth people that there are. ... Chicago has all the stuff New York has, but they do it with a smile.

Pair necessities

Chicagoans sound off on the ever-debatable gay BFF phenomenon

By Georgia Garvey

REDEYE

Pop culture has for years proclaimed the "gay best friend" as the pal for the girl who has everything. But Jenn Kwiecien would simply call him her best friend. Her perspective is more real-life and not so "Sex and the City."

"It's just, like, a regular friendship," says the East Lakeview resident, who's straight. Kwiecien, 20, and her gay friends bond over watching "Glee" and listening to Britney Spears, but their relationships are more than just the sketches presented in movies and TV shows from "Clueless" to "Will & Grace" to "Gossip Girl." "We just all love each other," she says.

The latest talking point on the subject has been Sundance Channel's recent docu-series "Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys." The reality show airs at 9 p.m. Tuesdays and focuses on the lives of four friend couples—each made up of one straight woman and one gay man—living in New York City.

While the entertainment industry continues to mine similar combos for pop-culture fodder, Chicagoans on both sides of the relationships say their friendships are pretty self-explanatory. Still, author Tom Dolby, who co-edited the book on which Sundance based its show, said he found the friendships hold plenty of meat for examination.

"We wanted to get beneath the surface of" the friendship, he said of the book of essays that shares the TV show's title. Instead of typical prepackaged depictions of a "gay best friend," they wanted to strike out, "not to show that it's all about shopping and ogling boys, running up massive credit card [debt]."

That kind of labeling came to the forefront in July, when Teen Vogue likened the "gay best friend" to one of the season's "must-have items." The response to the piece was less than enthusiastic from writers such as Jessanne Collins on salon.com, who pointed out that gay men aren't Pomeranians, they're people.

A gay man whose only role in life is to pick out fantastic Louboutin stilettos for his bestie doesn't come off as realistic anymore, Dolby said. On the other hand, some of those with

whom RedEye spoke say they know the limitations of entertainment and don't expect shows such as "Glee" to feature unvarnished reality.

"It's very hard to convey in a short amount of time the complexity of a relationship," Dolby said. Sometimes, one of the characters can wind up being "portrayed as an object," he said.

Olayinka Hassan, 32, of the South Loop, said her plentiful friendships with gay men are identical to those with other women or straight men. Hassan said she was raised to consider someone's sexuality irrelevant.

"It never was a big deal," she said, saying she never felt the need to say "you're this; you're that. ... Sometimes in society we're so quick to label."

Many said their friendships developed based on personalities and their own comfort zones. Travis Gorline, 38, of Andersonville, says he has an overwhelmingly straight-female friend base. He just gets along better with women.

"We all shop a lot. We take pride in the way we look," said Gorline, who is gay, adding that he grew up in a family full of women. "I have some social friends that are guys. But I don't feel like I have a whole lot in common with them. ... I just was always around strong women, I would guess."

Though Gorline said he's aware of pop-culture depictions of women who think having a gay best friend is like getting a sleek new pair of boots, he doesn't feel objectified in his circle.

"I don't deal with it in my life," he said. "I don't think that I'm anybody's token gay."

The relationships can be longstanding. Lisette Alvarez, 32, of West Town, often hangs out in Boystown, despite knowing she might not meet the man of her (non-platonic) dreams there.

"I almost feel like it's a safe zone. I don't think I'm going to get some d-bag who has some Affliction T-shirt, a ball cap on, who wants to talk to me," she said. "If someone comes behind me and starts dancing, I know it's just for fun. It's not because he wants to get into my pants."

Even for friends who are in the relationships, the friendships can be difficult to fully pin down.

"I'm trying to think of a straight guy friend to compare it with, which is hard," says Valerie Esrig, 27, of Villa Park. "I tend to have more fun when I'm hanging out with my gay friends."

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—Travis Gorline, 38



Lori Halpin, who leases Rahm Emanuel's Chicago home, claimed Wednesday that she has never seen the family's belongings that reportedly are stored in the basement. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

Basement politics

Election board hearing shifts to what's stored in Rahm Emanuel's house

Chicago Tribune

The fight over Rahm Emanuel's eligibility to run for mayor turned into a debate Wednesday about what's in the basement of his Chicago home.

On day two of a rambling hearing into claims that Emanuel doesn't meet the one-year residency rule for candidates, testimony focused on his contention that his family left prized possessions stored in their North Side house when they went to Washington for his job as President Obama's chief of staff.

Emanuel's attorneys argue that it shows he intended to return to his home even though it was being leased while he was gone. But a lawyer for the leading objectors to Emanuel sought to undermine his testimony Tuesday at the election board hearing by calling one of Emanuel's renters

to the stand.

Laurie Halpin and her husband refused Emanuel's request to end their lease early when he returned to Chicago this fall, and amid the ensuing publicity, Robert Halpin launched his own brief bid for mayor.

Under questioning from election attorney Burt Odelson, Laurie Halpin testified Wednesday that she had been all through the basement and never saw the treasures Emanuel said were stored there—everything from his wife's wedding dress to family china to the clothes his children wore leaving the hospital after their births.

But minutes after her testimony, Emanuel's lawyers presented their own witness to explain the apparent contradiction.

Mee Kim-Chavez, of Chicago, an Emanuel family friend, said she helped Amy Rule, Emanuel's wife, pack up about 30

MEEEKS OBJECTION DROPPED

Another mayoral contender facing a residency challenge, state Sen. James T. Meeks, got a break Wednesday when the complaint was dropped by rival William "Dock" Walls.

boxes of family belongings into boxes that were placed into a basement crawlspace to which the Halpins didn't have access.

"I believe my husband put a deadbolt lock on it," Kim-Chavez said.

The basement riddle was just the latest sideshow in the ballot battle, which is expected to hinge on the legal interpretation of what it really means to be a city resident and whether Emanuel benefits from an exemption for Illinoisans serving the federal government.

Report: Dog tossed from car



The white dog dappled with dark spots and a black ear that witnesses say was tossed into traffic from a moving vehicle is in good condition and soon could be available for adoption, Elmhurst police said Wednesday.

Police are talking to witnesses and a suspect in the alleged case of cruelty to an animal. According to police reports, a motorist said he saw a man traveling west on North Avenue throw a dog out the driver-side window of a car at 6:49 a.m. Friday near Route 83 in Elmhurst. **TRIBUNE**

Lawyers: Former governor's wife ailing

Lawyers for former Gov. George Ryan, seeking his early release from his 6 1/2-year prison term so he can care for his ailing wife, said Wednesday her condition has worsened and she may have only three to six months to live.

Midway unveils new scanners

Midway officials on Wednesday unveiled the airport's first full-body scanner to screen passengers for hidden weapons and explosives. Up until now, the controversial scanners have been deployed in Chicago only at O'Hare.

Firefighters, paramedics approve contract

Chicago firefighters and paramedics overwhelmingly approved a new contract Wednesday that grants them 10 percent raises over five years. The contract is retroactive to 2007 and runs through June 2012.

Report: Springfield mayor shot himself

An autopsy has determined that Springfield Mayor Tim Davlin died of a gunshot wound to the chest that was "apparently self-inflicted," the Sangamon County coroner's office said Wednesday.

\$450K bail in Lakeview case

Bail was set Wednesday at \$450,000 for a 19-year-old man charged with two home invasions in Lakeview within the past few months. The man was charged with home invasion, aggravated unlawful restraint and armed robbery with a firearm. **TRIBUNE**

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High school YouTube vid goes viral-ish

Chicago Tribune

When Oak Park and River Forest High School seniors Ian Everson and Nicole Acree were pulled from class and summoned to an assistant principal's office, they didn't imagine it was the first step to local stardom.

The students from Oak Park were picked to be in a video produced to boost school spirit. With a help from parents, teachers and alumni, their final work, "Teach Me How To Huskie," debuted at a school spirit assembly Friday and since has drawn nearly 25,000 YouTube hits.

The video is a parody of the University of Wisconsin-Madison's popular "Teach Me How to Bucky" video, which is a parody of Cali Swag District's "Teach me how to Dougie."

In the video, OPRF students, the drumline and the school mascot dance through various notable locations throughout Oak Park and River Forest. Everson and Acree had built a reputation at the school for their video-making talent. Both are known for videos they post on YouTube.

"It took me, like, three years to reach 20,000 hits" for all videos combined, Acree said.

"Teach Me How To Huskie" broke 20,000 in less than 72 hours.

The video itself was a collaborative effort. Parent Tim Philosophos, a Booster Club member and chairman of its Spirit Committee, came up the idea while 2004 OPRF alum Mason Strom, a DePaul graduate student, offered his editing experience to pull it all together.



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CTA waiting for checks

Chicago Tribune

Chicago-area mass-transit agencies are expecting a huge check from the state this week to catch up on most of the late public-subsidy payments that are needed to avoid fare increases and service cuts next year, officials said Wednesday.

The Regional Transportation Authority has billed the state \$451 million on behalf of the RTA, the CTA, Metra and Pace, officials said. The state postponed payment of much of the money because of the budget crisis.

The RTA is "in the process of receiving everything except \$22 million this week," said Clint Sabin, RTA manager of legislative affairs. In addition, Comptroller Dan Hynes has promised to pay the \$22 million by the end of the year, Sabin said.

While that's good news for transit riders in a state expected to face a \$15 billion budget deficit by next year, the state government also already is amassing a back-

log of bills to the RTA system.

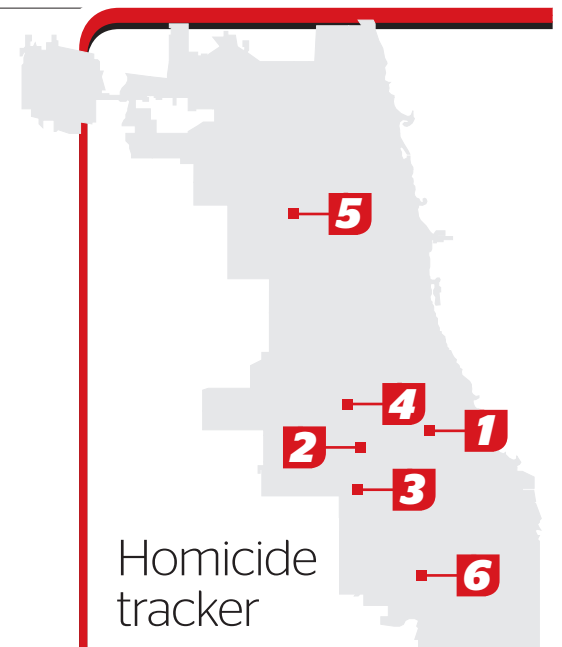
The RTA billed the state \$148 million so far in the state's 2011 fiscal year, which began in July. State officials have not indicated when the money will be paid, RTA officials said.

Gov. Quinn has promised that the state would fulfill its fiscal 2010 funding commitments to all Chicago-area transit agencies by year's end.

The transit agencies, whose budgets are based on a calendar year, are counting on the late payments to close 2010 with balanced budgets, as required by law, and avoid racking up deficits in the new year.

Failure by the state to pay up would require the transit agencies to amend their budgets, possibly leading to fare hikes and service cuts next year, officials said.

"We are still owed a little bit over \$70 million, but we have a commitment to receive [all the funding]," CTA president Rich Rodriguez said.



Homicide tracker

By Tracy Swartz | REDEYE

West Englewood saw two homicides in a two-day span Saturday and Sunday, a RedEye analysis of preliminary police data found.

On Sunday, a 23-year-old man was shot to death in the 5700 block of South Damen Avenue, officials said. A day earlier, a 16-year-old boy was fatally shot in the 7100 block of South Marshfield Avenue.

West Englewood has seen 27 homicides, mostly gunshot deaths, so far this year, according to RedEye data.

Citywide, fatal shootings were recorded in Auburn Gresham, Roseland and Woodlawn in the last week, RedEye determined. Meanwhile, a 45-year-old man was found beaten and stabbed to death Monday in the 1100 block of North Springfield Avenue in Humboldt Park, officials said.

Twelve homicides have been recorded so far this month, according to data. Police recorded 37 homicides in December 2009, RedEye determined. TSWARTZ@TRIBUNE.COM

Homicides from Dec. 8 to 4 p.m. Wednesday; all locations had one victim.

- 1 6600 BLOCK OF S. EBERHART AVE.**
Date: Dec. 9 Cause: Gunshot
- 2 7100 BLOCK OF S. MARSHFIELD AVE.**
Date: Dec. 11 Cause: Gunshot
- 3 8500 BLOCK OF S. HERMITAGE AVE.**
Date: Dec. 11 Cause: Gunshot
- 4 5700 BLOCK OF S. DAMEN AVE.**
Date: Dec. 12 Cause: Gunshot
- 5 1100 BLOCK OF N. SPRINGFIELD AVE.**
Date: Dec. 13 Cause: Trauma
- 6 11300 BLOCK OF S. CALUMET AVE.**
Date: Dec. 13 Cause: Gunshot

MORE ONLINE

Check out RedEye's interactive homicide map at homicides.redeyechicago.com, which now includes information on every homicide in Chicago since Jan. 1, 2008.

Police mum on 'Honeybee' question before Thursday news conference

Chicago Tribune

Police have scheduled a news conference for 2 p.m. Thursday in Joliet to discuss the case involving a man who was killed over the weekend while trying to rob an Orland Park tanning salon.

Sources have told the Tribune that police are investigating whether Gary Amaya, 48, of downstate Rankin, could be the killer commonly known as the "Honeybee gunman."

In October, a gunman randomly shot

and killed Rolando Alonso, 45, and wounded Josh Garza, 19, while they rehabbed a home near Beecher.

Later that day, the gunman shot Keith Dahl, 64, a farmer near Lowell, Ind., and stole \$60 from him. The gunman apparently asked about honeybees, which led to his nickname.

Amaya's vehicle matched the description of the honeybee gunman's light-blue Chevrolet truck, sources said.

The .38-caliber revolver Amaya wielded

at L.A. Tan matches the weapon used in the honeybee shootings, the Tribune first reported Monday. Ballistic tests determined the match, sources said.

Will County Sheriff Paul Kaupas, Lake County, Ind., Sheriff Roy Dominguez and a top official from the Orland Park police department are expected to attend Thursday's news conference, said Ken Kaupas, a spokesman for the Will County sheriff's police.

Police would not provide any details in advance of the news conference.

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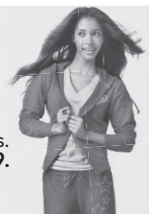
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Protests in Athens

1 Huge crowds of protesters, upset about stringent Greek economic reforms, marched past the Greek Parliament in Athens on Wednesday as police in white helmets tried to keep them from getting any closer. **GETTY IMAGES PHOTO**

Madoff widow asks for privacy after suicide

2 The widow of Mark Madoff said she is devastated by the death of her husband, who took his own life two years to the day after his father, Bernie, was arrested in the largest Ponzi scheme in U.S. history. "I ask that you please show decency and understanding toward all of Mark's children and allow us to mourn in private," Stephanie Madoff said in a written statement Wednesday.

Feds join BP lawsuit

3 The federal government on Wednesday joined the dozens of lawsuits against BP and other companies over the massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, seeking unlimited penalties against all but one firm.

Astronauts blast off

4 A trio of U.S., Russian and Italian astronauts blasted off for the International Space Station late Wednesday, blazing an orange trail across the night sky from Russia's Baikonur launchpad in Kazakhstan.

U.N. lifts Iraq sanctions

5 The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday gave Iraq the green light to develop a civilian nuclear program, ending 19-year-old restrictions aimed at preventing the country from developing atomic weapons.

THE DIGIT

1793

That's the year that the embalmed head of King Henri IV of France apparently was lost after revolutionaries desecrated the graves of French kings in the royal basilica of Saint-Denis near Paris. A team of scientists say they have found and positively identified an embalmed head of the king, who was assassinated in 1610.

Researchers cautious about HIV 'cure' claim

German researchers who used a bone marrow transplant to treat a cancer patient with HIV have declared him cured of the virus—a stunning claim in a field where the word "cure" barely is whispered.

The patient, who had both an HIV infection and leukemia, received the bone marrow transplant in 2007 from a donor who had a genetic mutation known to give patients a natural immunity to the virus.

Nearly four years after the transplant, the patient is free of the virus and it does not appear to be hiding anywhere in his

body, Thomas Schneider and his colleagues at Berlin Charite hospital said.

"Our results strongly suggest that cure of HIV has been achieved in this patient," they wrote in the journal *Blood*.

AIDS researchers have rejected the approach on any kind of scale for patients with HIV. A bone marrow transplant is a last-ditch treatment for cancers such as leukemia.

It requires destruction of a patient's own bone marrow—itsself a harrowing process—and then a transplant from a donor

who has a near-exact blood and immune system type. Months of recovery are needed while the transplant grows and reconstitutes the patient's immune system.

"It's not practical and it can kill people," said Dr. Robert Gallo of the Institute of Human Virology at the University of Maryland, who helped discover the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS. "It is possibly a cure, that's for sure, you won't know for absolute sure until the person dies and undergoes extreme PCR [genetic] analysis of post-mortem tissue."



Paw power

6 A 7-month-old male lion cub takes a swipe at the camera in his enclosure at an animal orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. The sanctuary hosted a pre-Christmas party Wednesday for the cats, who were visited by their "adoptive parents," corporations and individuals who help pay for the animals' upkeep. **GETTY IMAGES**

Senate passes tax bill; House tackles 'DADT'

7 WASHINGTON The Senate approved a controversial \$858 billion tax cut package Wednesday, overwhelmingly voting to extend the Bush-era tax reductions despite a series of objections from both the left and the right.

The measure now advances to the House of Representatives. The House will take up the bill Thursday, according to Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.).

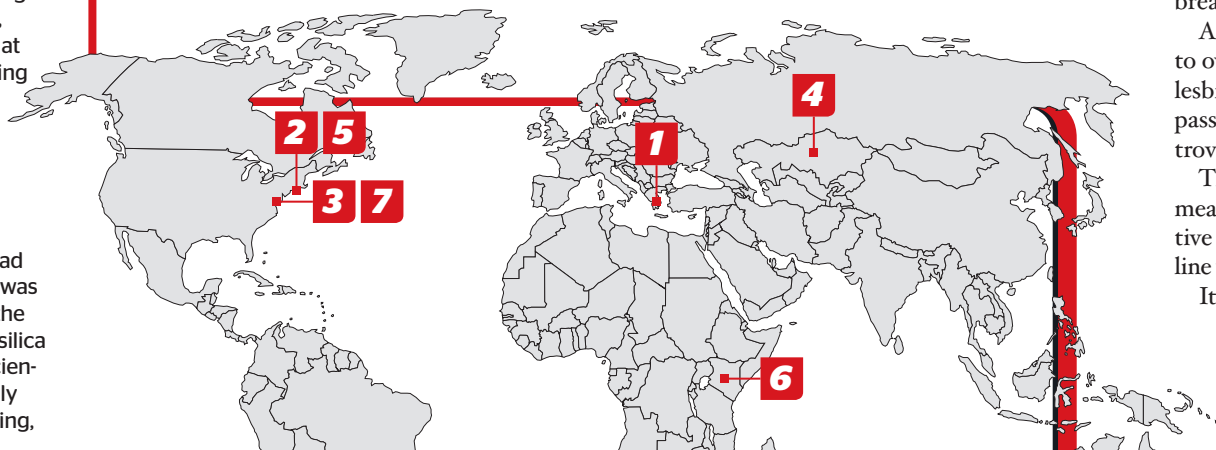
The package includes a two-year extension of the Bush-era tax cuts set to expire Dec. 31.

It also would extend unemployment benefits for 13 months, cut the payroll tax by 2 percentage points for a year, restore the estate tax at a lower level and continue a series of other tax breaks.

Also Wednesday, the House voted to overturn the ban on openly gay and lesbian soldiers serving in the military, passing legislation repealing the controversial "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

The bill—a so-called "standalone" measure not tied to any other legislative items—passed in a virtual party-line vote.

It now advances to the Senate.



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HURTS SO GOOD

Pain is in the job description for Wolves enforcer Andre Deveau—though he'd rather dish it out

By Ryan Smith

FOR REDEYE

Toss a dart at an anatomy chart and you're likely to hit a part of the body that Andre Deveau has injured during his decade-long hockey career. The 26-year-old Wolves forward has suffered three concussions, broken his nose multiple times, torn a ligament in his thumb, injured his knees and endured swollen knuckles, feet, ankles and much more.

It would be enough to force some to question their chosen career, but for Deveau, injuries are just part of the game.

"Hockey is probably the fastest team sport out there, and it can get pretty violent," he said. "Getting hurt happens a lot. Nobody is really 100 percent healthy out there."

Wolves head trainer Kevin Kacer can testify to that. In 2008-09 season, he said Wolves players sat out a combined 244 games because of injury, mostly from a patellar fracture, wrist fracture, finger fracture and a couple of concussions—all involving separate players. Last season, Wolves players missed a combined 389 games; most were the result of two season-ending knee injuries and a season-ending shoulder injury.

"Some of the most common injuries I see in hockey are contusions of all sorts, typically from player-to-player contact or getting hit by the puck," Kacer said. "Also quite common are shoulder injuries, mostly from collision with an opponent or the boards."

"Knee injuries are somewhat common as well, usually the MCL."

Deveau is familiar with many of those injuries, partly because of his role with the Wolves. Though he leads the team with 11 goals and is fifth with 19 points this season, the 6-foot-4, 232-pound Deveau also acts as a bruising enforcer who leads the team in penalty minutes.

The fisticuffs that result from his on-ice role have led to black eyes, broken noses and facial cuts requiring dozens of stitches. But the most painful hits come from his blindside, Deveau said.

"You gotta be able to prepare for hits, otherwise it really hurts," he said. "That's why you see defensemen, when they're going for the puck in the corner, you see them looking over their shoulder to see who's coming, because you gotta be able to brace for the impact."

Other hits are harder to prepare for. The sting of a puck flying at up to 100 mph is something Deveau has taken a while to get used to.

"It's a bad sting, and it jars your body for a second," he said.

Ever since being tagged by a puck on the unprotected part of his knee early in his career, Deveau rarely goes down on one knee to block shots.

"If I do, my knee is never facing the puck," he said.

Even a shot that hits Deveau in the skate can cause lingering damage.

"It's not so bad for that game, but then your foot swells up, and for the next couple weeks it's hard to get your foot back into the skate," he said. "You feel it all the time, and you have to tie your skates looser."

Still, with all of the bumps, bruises, cuts and worse, Deveau considers himself fortunate.

"I'm actually lucky in a lot of ways because I'm still able to play and have a job and play hockey for a living," Deveau said. "There's a lot of guys that get hurt and can't play anymore."

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KNUCKLES

Throwing right-handed punches can take a toll on Deveau's knuckles. "They are sometimes swollen and sore to the point where I wouldn't want anything touch them," he said. "Like I'd put my hands on top of the covers and everything [when sleeping]."

THUMB

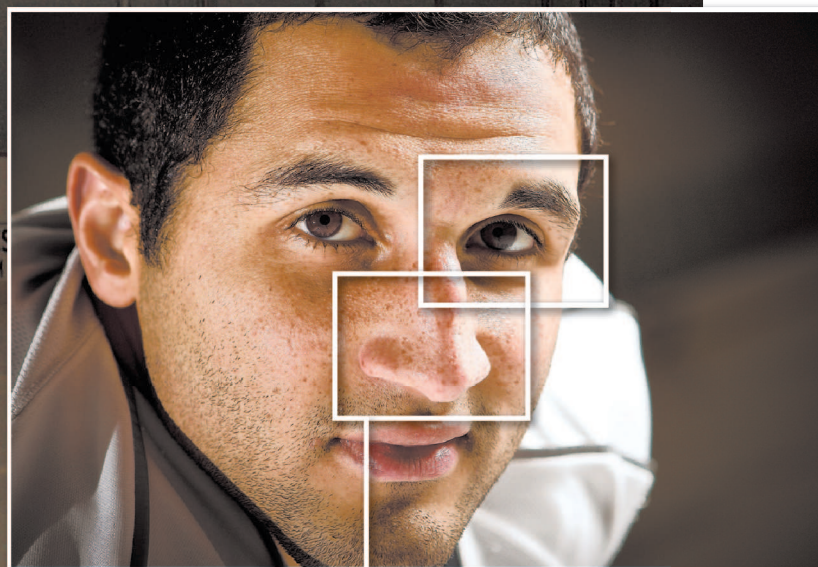
Right after he was called up by the NHL's Toronto Maple Leafs in November 2008, Deveau tore ligaments in his right thumb while attempting to yank the jersey of the Philadelphia Flyers player Josh Gratton during a fight. "That kinda sucked," he said. "My hand would swell up like a balloon, and I couldn't even grip my stick for a while. It was so bad that I even had to brush my teeth with my other hand."

BODY OF EVIDENCE



HEAD

Deveaux said concussions are "the worst injuries to deal with." He suffered two in the Ontario Hockey League and one as a member of the Wolves. During a fight Dec. 7, 2007, he was knocked out by a punch from Steve MacIntyre of the Providence Bruins and was unconscious for about 10 seconds. "I remember waking up in the dressing room, looking around, not knowing where I was, and then I tried to get up and walk, and I fell flat on my face," Deveaux said. "That's definitely the worst one."

**NOSE**

Need proof Deveaux is a fighter? Exhibit A: His rugged-looking nose, which has been broken at least three times by his own count. The first time, during a scrap in the junior hockey leagues, was the worst. "I didn't know how to fight a lefty, and he got me right at the beginning," Deveaux said. "By the end, there was a huge puddle of blood and a trail that followed me all the way to the dressing room."

EYEBROW

A flying puck to the left brow left Deveaux with a deep cut that required stitches and left a small scar. "It's gotten better, but it used to look really funny," Deveaux said.

KNEE

Deveaux tweaked his MCL after falling awkwardly in the 2007 fight with MacIntyre and missed a month. He also was struck by a puck during a shot-block attempt in a game with the AHL's Springfield Falcons in 2004. The puck struck the unprotected area between his knee pads and pants. "I had a bruise for like two and a half months there," he said. "It turned every single color imaginable and was stiff forever."

Rush to their defense

A smart fantasy owner knows the secret to sneaky points is choosing the right defense. And this time of year, it's much easier to assess teams, so picking the defenses with creampuff matchups against the most inept offenses can be a gold mine of fantasy points. With that in mind, let's take a look at some top possibilities this week.



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Bears defense vs. Minnesota: Chicago got shredded by Tom Brady last week, but Tarvaris Jackson or the corpse of Brett Favre and the rest of the punchless Vikes should make the Bears defense look fearsome again.

Arizona defense vs. Carolina: This pick invokes the new Jimmy Clausen rule of fantasy football: just pick the D facing the embattled Carolina quarterback, who has one touchdown pass against seven interceptions in 10 games.

Cleveland defense vs. Cincinnati: Cleveland's defense has looked frisky in back-to-back games against Miami and Buffalo. Now it takes on a Bengals team with Carson Palmer looking more like Arnold Palmer and Cedric Benson looking like he'd rather be back on his party boat.

New England defense vs. Green Bay: This one gets a big asterisk next to it because it depends on whether Green Bay QB Aaron Rodgers is cleared to play after the concussion he suffered in last week's game.

CRUSHES

Tim Hightower, running back, Arizona: Hightower has had two great games in a row while Beanie Wells continues to flounder in the doghouse.

Arrelious Benn, wide receiver, Tampa Bay: This rookie from Illinois seems to be developing chemistry with QB Josh Freeman at the right time.

CRASHES

Christopher Ivory, running back, New Orleans: Even if he returns from his injury this week, he'll have to contend with the suddenly healthy Pierre Thomas.

Ryan Fitzpatrick, quarterback, Buffalo: Fitz and his amazing mustache had a nice run, but he's struggled recently and will be facing the No. 6 Miami pass defense.

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Field day

Walter Brzeski got in our panel just in time. We're moving it to Ryan Field next week. Sign up at redeyechicago.com/5on5.



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1 How will the Minnesota-Bears game be different because it's being played on a college field?	No one will remember it the next day.	Hopefully there will be a college marching band available to play "Bear Down."	Minneapolis Star-Tribune reports there are no beer taps. Hmmm...	... Gophers ... whatevs ... Bears win.	No booze concessions at a college stadium = more pale people with flasks at the game.
2 Bulls trade rumors are swirling again. Who would you like to see them get?	Penny Lane for \$50 and a case of Heineken.	A great young shooting guard like Stephen Curry.	Have you ever seen Benny the Bull hit backward, over-the-head half-court shots?	Bring J.R. Smith back; last time was too short.	Some bubble wrap for Luol Deng, as I feel his annual injury coming on.
3 The Blackhawks are sending players to and from Rockford so often they've finally had time to read every "Harry Potter" book. Shout-out to the fourth and sixth movies.	... someone should build a Rockford-to-Chicago version of the Chunnel.	... Kane and the Captain graciously offered up their Chevys.	... they could make a killing if they hooked up a snow-plow to their trucks.	... you would think Mrs. Stan Bowman is in charge of the team these days.
4 How will the Mark Prior-with-the-N.Y. Yankees-organization story end?	Worse than "When Harry Met Sally;" better than "Thelma and Louise."	Like how all Mark Prior seasons end—with him watching the games from the dugout.	Reunited with pitching coach Larry Rothschild ... towel drills by mid-August.	I'm in the "Comeback kid" column.	It'll end with another "Blame My Arm Problems on Dusty Baker" whimper from Mark the Crier again.
5 The Fire have lost jersey sponsor Best Buy. Who should be their next sponsor?	The Blackhawks. Just for the sake of confusing people.	Duraflame fire logs. Then a giant log could be the Fire's mascot.	RedEye! New colors: Black, white and READ all over...	Groupon—support the home team!	Groupon. Tho' I doubt they could scrape up enough Fire fans to run a deal on tickets.

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When I visited the Metrodome in September for Minnesota's home opener against Miami, I thought the stadium could not look more weathered. Until Sunday.

I didn't feel much sorrow for the collapsed roof of the Metrodome, the sad sack sibling to the new University of Minnesota and

Twins stadiums. I visited the Metrodome a number of times for Twins games when I spent the summer in Minneapolis in 2004.

The stadium reminds me of Kim Kardashian: A star, yes, who now is forced to share the spotlight with her sisters. All the polish and fluorescent light tricks can't bring back the glory years of the mid-2000s, when she was the only Kardashian worth knowing. Like the stadium, she's the "been there, done that" of the sports world.

The new University of Minnesota TCF Bank stadium, on the other hand, is like Khloe Kardashian: fresh, very shiny and extra cheesy (the stadium's curds have nothing on Khloe talking to husband Lamar Odom in a baby voice). I caught the Gophers game against USC in September and was impressed with its rugged feel, like Khloe, who is the manliest of the Kardashians.

Fans can only hope that when the team travels to TCF to play the Vikings on Monday, the Bears will channel the Kardashians' stepdad, Olympian Bruce Jenner, and not the Kardashian Kard, the sisters' recent venture that failed to launch.

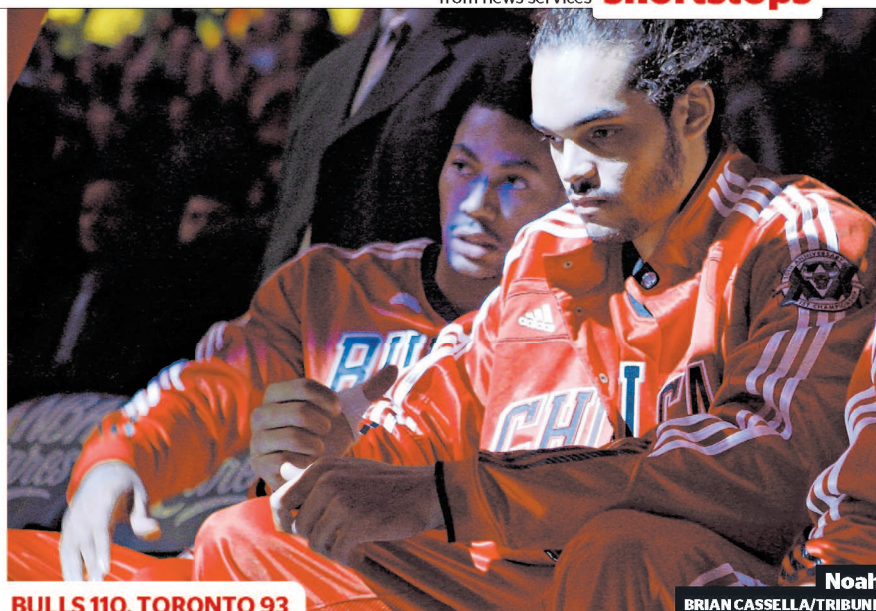
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Metrodome before collapse



After collapse
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Oh, Noah

Bulls forward will have surgery on thumb, be out up to 10 weeks

TORONTO At a time their winning streak stretched to seven games and all fingers should be pointing upward, the Bulls' season became all thumbs again.

Two weeks after Carlos Boozer made his season debut following thumb surgery, two team sources told the Tribune just before halftime Wednesday that Joakim Noah will undergo surgery Thursday morning to repair a torn ligament in his right thumb.

The Bulls officially announced the news after the 110-93 victory over the Raptors.

Noah is scheduled to miss eight to 10 weeks, not returning until after the All-Star break in late February or early March. That would be at least 30 games for the heart and soul—and rebounding machine—of the franchise.

"It sucks," Noah said. "It's not what I want. But I have to get back to playing at a

high level. I'm tired of taking anti-inflammatory [pills] every time I play. I'm tired of not dribbling with my right hand.

"I'm going to miss playing. It's frustrating because I feel we have a chance to be really, really good. But I know in the long run, this is what needs to be done."

Having the surgery now ensures Noah will return in time for the playoffs.

"We're disappointed for Jo," coach Tom Thibodeau said. "He has put a lot of work in."

"But our guys are confident and the bench is deep. We have more than enough to win with. Taj [Gibson] and Kurt [Thomas] have started a bunch of games in the league. Lu [Deng] has been very, very effective at [power forward]. And Carlos can go to [center] some."

Replacing Noah's intensity and length will be difficult. He entered Wednesday's game ranked fifth in the league at 11.7 rebounds per game.

That represented a career high, as did his 14.2 points per game.

» Seeking to strengthen a depleted defensive unit, the Fire selected New England's Cory Gibbs in the first round of Wednesday's two-round Major League Soccer re-entry draft. The 30-year-old veteran defender started 25 games in New England last season.

AVALANCHE 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

» Patrick Kane, who has missed three games with a left ankle injury, participated in the Blackhawks' morning skate Wednesday and could return to action as early as Friday. "I'm feeling pretty good," he said after the skate.

» According to **whitesox.com**, the team has signed reliever Jesse Crain, who had 3.04 ERA with the Twins in 2010.



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2010
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By Emily Van Zandt

Every Dec. 31, the streets of Chicago flood to capacity and your chances of getting a cab plummet along with the temperature. Standing on a curb with a hand out in the icy wind? No thanks. Check out these seven places to party near your favorite "L" line.



RED LINE Benchwarmers

3551 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-327-7800

Red Line riders have lots of options when it comes to bars close to the tracks. Hop off at Addison to find yourself steps away from the "Informal Formal" party at Benchwarmers. The open bar package includes draft beer, call mixed drinks, wine, a dinner buffet and Champagne toast. Get decked out with hats and favors; a DJ will be on hand to keep things moving till midnight. 9 p.m. \$90.

BLUE LINE The Flat Iron

1565 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-365-9000

Things take a turn for the scandalous near the Damen stop for the Dead Man's Hand New Year's Ball. Burlesque, aerial artists and rockabilly music amp up the energy at this usually no-frills, late-night tavern. Just a few steps from Wicker Park's Six Corners, it's hard to beat the location if you're in for a little bar-hopping. 9:30 p.m. \$20-\$30.

BROWN LINE Waterhouse

3407 N. Paulina St.
773-871-1200

It's hard to get much closer to an "L" stop than this Lakeview location, which sits in the shadow of the Paulina station. Your ticket buys you all the traditional fixings, including a premium open bar, buffet, party favors, DJ and a Champagne toast to ring in the New Year. No need to hold back when your ride home is with-in stumbling distance. 9 p.m. \$60.

ORANGE LINE Wabash Tap

12334 S. Wabash Ave. 312-360-9488

This South Loop bar is just down the street from the Roosevelt stop and a great choice for those looking to avoid blowing drinking money on pricey tickets. The casual spot will be open from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. with no cover charge. Put the money you saved toward \$4.50 draft and \$5 well drink specials.

GREEN LINE New Line Tavern

201 N. Clinton St. 312-212-5463

Looking to keep things low-key? Hop on the Green Line to this West Loop spot, which will be open for normal business from 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. Jump off at Clinton and swing in for a quick dinner or stay to toast 2011 with a beer or two. With no major party going on, you might actually be able to hear your friends talk about their half-hearted resolutions.

THE TICKER

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» **Vertigo Sky Lounge** is set to open its winter patio Jan. 14, complete with fire pits, robes and fur blankets.

» Soon-to-open South Loop music venue and nightclub **The Mid** is getting its act together, booking JFK of electronic duo MSTRKRFT on Jan. 7.

» Logan Square neighborhood bar **The Double: An Urban Tavern** opened its doors Dec. 10.



PINK LINE Hawkeye's

1458 W. Taylor St.
312-226-3951

A brisk three-block walk from the Polk stop will get you to this UIC bar. Named for the M*A*S*H character, the bar caters to the 22-year-old in everyone with plenty of TVs, sports photos and Top 40 music. Cover includes premium open bar and an appetizer buffet. In true college bar form, the drink package also includes shots and energy drinks. 9 p.m. \$50.

PURPLE LINE Morseland

1218 W. Morse Ave. 773-764-8900

9:30 p.m. \$35-\$40

It may not be directly off the Purple Line, but riders can switch to the Red Line at Howard and hop off at Morse for this interactive theater performance. The 2nd Story New Year's Eve show features performers telling holiday-themed tales set to music. The stories are spread out through the night, giving you time to chat with friends and enjoy a buffet and midnight Champagne toast.

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Silver Cloud Bar & Grill
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10 p.m. No cover

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The Underground

56 W. Illinois St. 312-644-7600

9 p.m. \$20-\$25.

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Tavern & Grill
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Five months after opening, Stephanie Izard's hot West Loop restaurant gets even more buzz thanks to Underground Goat, the basement dining room that's now reservable for small groups.

Red Flame

2417 N. Clybourn Ave.
312-462-0486

Clybar didn't draw a ton of attention at this address, but thanks to one word—pizza—this day-old eatery and wine bar likely will.

Grahamwich

615 N. State St. 312-624-9188

After a bevy of build-up on the Twittersphere, chef Graham Elliot's gourmet sandwich shop's churning out jibaritos and grilled cheeses to hungry fans.

Big Star

1531 N. Damen Ave.
773-235-4039

Fans can take a piece of the Wicker Park eatery home with them with its new DIY Home Taco Bar option.

Le Passage

937 N. Rush St.
312-255-0022

The Gold Coast nightclub caught a recent boost when Jamie Foxx stopped by for his record release.

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 <p>404 S. Wells 312-922-3830</p>	<p>Free Shuttle to All Home Bears Games and Free Parking with \$25 Purchase SAT & SUN • \$5.00 Bloody Mary Bar • \$4.00 Modelo Pints • \$4.00 Cheladas • \$5.00 1/2 Pound Burgers MON • \$4 Import & Craft 12oz Bottles • \$1.00 Sliders</p>	 <p>950 W. Wrightwood 773.832.4000</p>	<p>Lights-Out Thursday • 50 Cent Domestic Drafts • \$2 Well Drinks • \$3 Bombs or a Shot • 1/2 Off Appetizers Ice Cold Fridays • \$5 Mini Beer Buckets • \$3 Smirnoff Ice • \$3 Bombs Football Saturdays/Sunday Funday • \$10 Brunch Buffet • \$3 Mimosa/Bloody Mary Bar • \$5 Pitchers • \$3 Margaritas/Sangria • \$4 Bombs</p>	 <p>322 E. Illinois 312.245.8331</p>	<p>On NFL Game Days • \$12 Miller Lite Pitchers • \$15 Miller Lite Buckets</p>	 <p>1638 W. Belmont 773.828.5055</p>	<p>SAT - Kentucky Football • \$5 Makers • \$9 Pitchers • \$5 Breakfast Stack SUN • \$5 22oz Miller Cups • \$5 Breakfast Sliders MON • \$15 Coors Light Buckets • 1/2 Off Grilled Cheese • 1/2 Off Hamburger & Chicken Sliders • \$4 Jameson • \$15 Domestic Buckets</p>	 <p>17 N. Wabash 312.269.5580</p>	<p>AT TK EVERY GAME IS A HOME GAME! 42 Plasma TVs SAT • \$4 Miller Lite 20oz Drafts • \$15 Miller Family Buckets SUN - Amazing Giveaways Every NFL Game Including a 3-Day/2-Night Vegas Trip! • Specials on Breakfast Burritos, Sliders & Wings • \$7 Bloody Mary Bar • \$4 20oz Bud Light • \$15 Bud Family Buckets December Specials • \$4 Bud & Bud Light 20oz Drafts • \$5 Stella 20oz Drafts • \$5 Bell's Christmas Ale Bottles • \$5 Jameson Shots • \$15 Bud & Bud Light Buckets</p>
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 <p>420 W. Diversey 773.549.9090</p>	<p>SAT - Michigan Football • \$8 Bud Light Drafts in 32oz mugs • \$6 Bloody Mary Bar • Brunch from 10am-3pm SUN - ALL NFL Action! • \$6 Bloody Mary Bar • \$15.95 Brunch Buffet from 10am-3pm MON • \$2 All Drafts • \$3 Ketel One Cocktails • \$4 All Wraps</p>	 <p>3551 N. Sheffield 773.327.7800</p>	<p>FRI • \$5 BBQ Back Ribs with Cole Slaw and Fries • \$3.50 Bud Light Drafts • \$5 Well Cocktails SAT • Brunch Menu Offered Until 3pm • \$10 Big East Appetizer Platter • \$7 22oz Collectible Beast of the East Mugs with Coors Light or Miller Lite - Bring Back on Any Big East Game Day for \$5 Refills • \$3.50 Blue Moon • \$5 Bacardi Cocktails SUN • Brunch Menu Offered Until 3pm • \$16 Bud Family Buckets • \$5 Skyy Bloody Marys • \$6 Tabasco Bloody Marias</p>	 <p>1206 N. State 312.288.8954</p>	<p>SAT • \$15 Miller Lite Buckets • \$6 Miller Lite Pitchers SUN • \$3 Call-Its • \$4 bloody marys • \$15 Bud or Bud Light Beer Towers • \$1 Burgers MON • \$2 Bud or Bud Light Bottles • \$3 Import Bottles • BOGO Apps</p>	 <p>3258 N. Southport 773.528.8226</p>	<p>Home for Illinois Football! SAT & SUN • \$5 Miller Lite and Coors light Stadium Cups • \$5 Monster Tots • \$5 Mini Burgers (3) • \$5 Mac N' Cheese Bites</p>	 <p>1015 N. Rush 312.475.0300</p>	<p>SAT & SUN • \$6 Mimosas • \$6 Bloody Marys • \$3 Domestic Drafts • \$6 Gameday Entrees MON & THURS • \$6 Vodka "You-Call-It" (Excludes Redbull) • \$8 Specialty Cocktail • \$3 Domestic Drafts • \$6 Gameday Entrees</p>
 <p>810 W. Diversey 773.525.2515</p>	<p>SAT - Illinois Football • \$25 Football Feast Includes Cookout and Bud Light Drafts SUN - Steelers Football • \$3 You-Call-Its featuring Iron City & Iron City Light bottles MON • \$2 Guinness • \$2 Jameson shots</p>	 <p>3369 N. Clark 773.244.1166</p>	<p>SAT • \$4 22oz Stadium Cups • \$4 All Bombs • \$4 Appetizers SUN • \$5 Pitchers • \$3 Jameson & Soco Lime Shots • \$1 Sliders MON • 20 Cent Wings • \$10 Buckets of Miller Products • \$15 Buckets of Corona • \$4 Jager Bombs</p>	 <p>950 W. Webster 773.549.8200</p>	<p>SAT • \$8 Bud Light Drafts in 32oz Mugs • \$6.50 Bloody Mary Bar • Brunch from 10am-3pm SUN • \$6.50 Bloody Mary Bar • Brunch from 10am-3pm MON • Home Cookin' and \$1 Bud Light Drafts</p>	 <p>935 W. Webster 773.975.8030</p>	<p>SAT • 32oz Wisconsin Mugs for \$5. \$6 to Fill with Domestic Drafts. (You Buy the Mug, Keep It and Can Refill It Every Saturday for \$6!) • \$7 Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar SUN • \$7 Build-Your-Own Bloody Mary Bar • \$5 Jim Beam Cocktails</p>	 <p>1059 W. Wrightwood 773.549.4949</p>	<p>SAT - Notre Dame Football • \$8 Bud Light Drafts in 32oz Mugs SUN - All NFL action • \$2 Bud Family Bottles MON • \$6 Bud Light Pitchers</p>

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We braved the cold on a recent Friday to check out the packed crowd at Old Town Social, where we found plenty of folks getting into the holiday spirit. **BY CRAIG SEYMOUR**



Kahlie Graves
24, teacher

What brought you out?
I have a friend in town from my hometown of Buffalo, N.Y., so I thought I'd show her some life in Chicago.

What are you drinking and why?
I am drinking a Captain and Diet. I definitely like the taste, and it tastes really good with the lime. I like something not too sweet, and I wasn't feeling beer.

Tell me one good thing about it getting colder.
Well, I'm used to it, coming from Buffalo, so it's not any big surprise. You can go ice skating. I like going downtown and looking at all the lights. Navy Pier is really pretty.

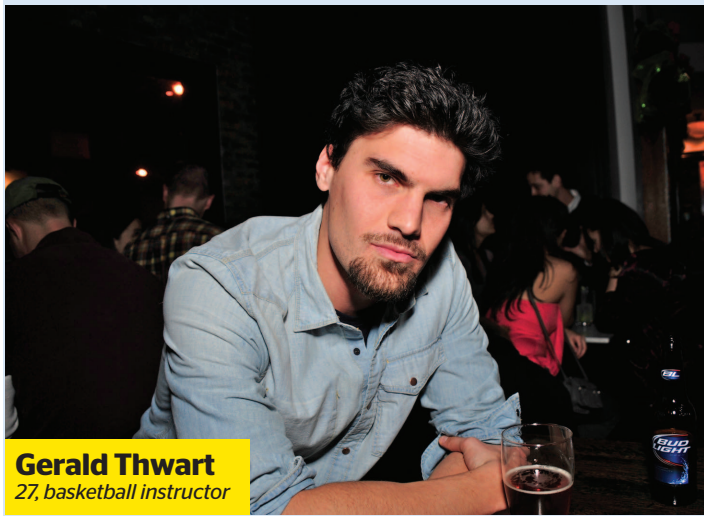
What's the best part about teaching?
The kids. There's nothing better. What better honor could you ever have than having an influence over a child's life?

What's your favorite thing to do during the holidays?
Probably drink eggnog with brandy in it.



Carmille Sipp
27, special education teacher

Tell me one good thing about it getting colder.
The snow. And the winter coats are so cute.



Gerald Thwart
27, basketball instructor

What brings you out tonight?
Just hanging out with the guys.

What are you drinking tonight?
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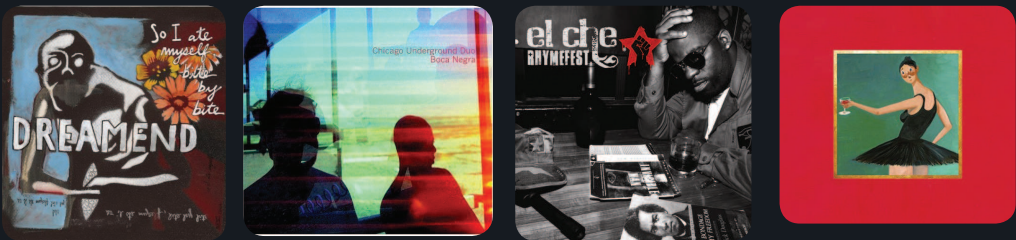
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Olivia Wilde

To play fearsome fighter Quorra, the already-fit 26-year-old became what she called "a little warrior" by working with trainers who put her through rigorous workouts, including weight training, cardio and martial arts training.

Garrett Hedlund

Hundreds of people read for the part of Sam, Flynn's son, but Garrett Hedlund possessed a look, charisma, quiet confidence and sense of humor comparable to Jeff Bridges, director Kosinski said. Hot looks, we say.

Electric fashion

"Tron: Legacy" is the first film to use self-illuminated costumes. Each one, costing \$60,000, was molded to the actors' bodies using computer numeric cutting technology. It took three hours for the actors to get into their fragile suits, and they were not allowed to sit down.

WHAT'S HOT ABOUT 'TRON'

After 20 years not knowing the location of his father (Jeff Bridges), Sam Flynn (Garrett Hedlund) finds him trapped in the futuristic digital universe Pops created back when arcade games were popular and cyber-characters hurling discs at each other was a novel, mind-blowing idea. The father-son reunion is complicated by the villainous agenda of Clu (Bridges, through impressive special effects, as a younger man), but at least Sam gets help from a variety of hotties (Olivia Wilde, Beau Garrett) in ultra-form-fitting attire.

The buzz: In 1982, "Tron" was ahead of its time and, sorry, a plodding onslaught of technological mumbo-jumbo. (At least seen recently through modern eyes; my impending birth prevented me from seeing "Tron" during its original

release.) The Internet age justifies another sci-fi look at the challenge of maintaining humanity in a digital space, but that idea may only go so far through a 3-D lens in the hands of a first-time director and first-time feature screenwriters.

The verdict: The plot's still an error message, unless you can explain why anyone thinks a "perfect system" is an unhappy society where the primary activity is life-or-death ultimate Frisbee laser tag. Style gets a free pass over substance when it looks like this, though, as the shiny, beautiful new world simulates either an acid trip inside a glowstick or the best-ever video by electronic/dance outfit Daft Punk, which supplies the movie's propulsive music. "Tron: Legacy" is one of the few winter films that feels like an event, moving with the brisk excitement of a fast download and the sleekness that "Futurama" might have if its budget had more zeroes. It sure isn't Shakespeare. Sample dialogue: "You want to play? I'll play." Rather, "Tron: Legacy" is girls in tight clothing, Michael Sheen as a David Bowie-Willy Wonka crossbreed if he lived in "The Matrix" and Bridges referring to his work as "bio-digital jazz, man." It's a playlist that creates family-friendly geek paradise.

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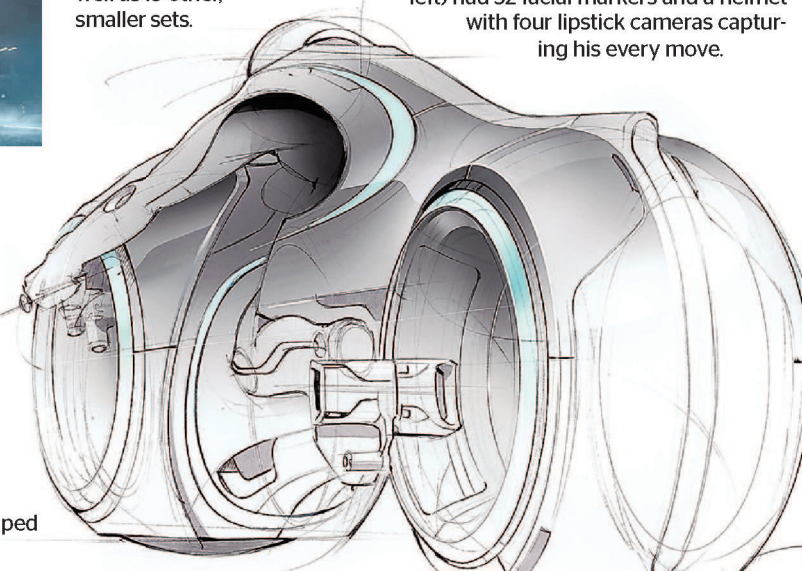


Joseph Kosinski was already well-versed in all the latest special effects techniques before Disney entrusted the first-time feature filmmaker with its "Tron" reboot. The 36-year-old used the 3-D fusion camera system James Cameron developed and assembled people from the automotive and architecture worlds to collaborate on "Tron: Legacy," which opens at 12:01 a.m. Friday. The sequel to 1982's "Tron" marks a lot of firsts in cinematic history. Here are some of the hottest things in the movie. REUTERS, LOS ANGELES TIMES, REDEYE, DISNEY PHOTOS



The vehicles

Daniel Simon was in his native Germany working in big-time car-design circles when he happily accepted an offer to create the vehicles of "Tron: Legacy." Here's what he said about the Light-Cycles: "The cycles are hybrids of person and machine. Light-Cycle is a character itself. It's a personal weapon of the people living on the grid. It has a face, the front of the bike, and the lights are shaped to show that. The good-guy and neutral bikes have vertical lights, and the evil bikes have V-shaped lights to represent eyes and expression."



The virtual world

The bulk of the story takes place in the Tron universe, so Kosinski built two city blocks of the Grid—the film's version of the inner computer world—as well as 15 other, smaller sets.



Kevin Flynn/CLU

It's the first film to integrate a fully digital head and body based upon an existing actor, in this case creating the younger version of Kevin Flynn, Jeff Bridges' character. The digital representation also serves as his avatar, CLU (above right). Bridges (above left) had 52 facial markers and a helmet with four lipstick cameras capturing his every move.



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Last-minute gift ideas

Chicago Tribune

How time flies when you put off your Christmas shopping. Before you know it, shipping deadlines have passed and you still haven't decided what to get, um, anyone on your list. Happily for procrastinators and anyone confronted with a surprise giftee, last-minute gifts don't have to look last-minute. Here are a few ideas for when the clock is ticking.

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This big-screen adaptation of the 1980s TV show about a discredited team of do-gooder soldiers is an explosion of campy fun and adrenaline-charged action. It's great when a movie-making plan comes together. Director/writer Joe Carnahan has taken the high-camp elements of the TV series and amped it a hundredfold. **RICK BENTLEY, MCT**



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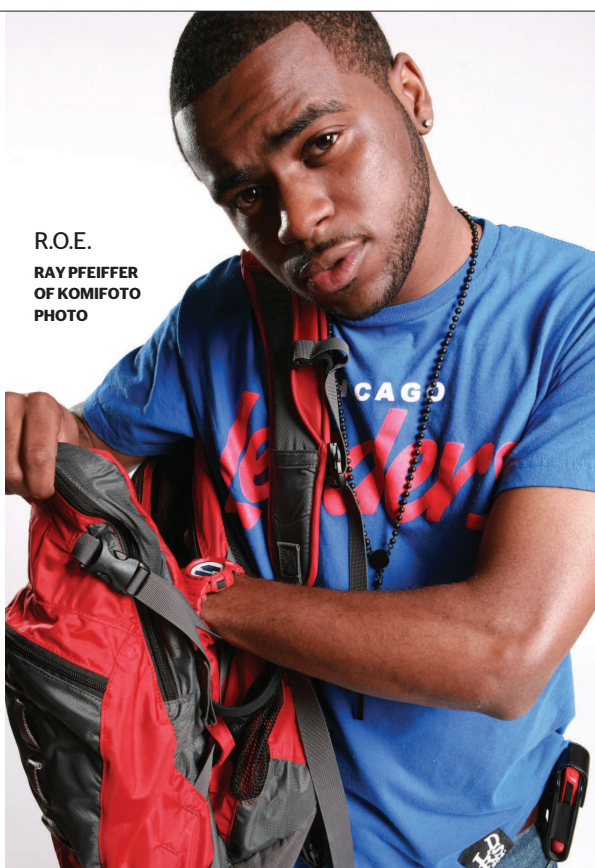
'Funniest TV Commercials of the Year'

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It's only fitting Isaiah "Old Spice Guy" Mustafa is hosting this annual look at TV's funniest commercials. His commercials for this special are funny. Also dropping in will be Jonathan "Dos Equis dude" Goldsmith and David "canceled after two episodes" Hasselhoff. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

- » "Burn Notice" two-hour season finale, 8 p.m., USA
- » "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" Christmas special, 9 p.m., FX

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**TRACK-OFF
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In what only can be described as a self-fulfilling prophecy, R.O.E.'s "I Won" snared this week's track-off. R.O.E. collected 55 percent of the vote in a nail-bitingly close competition against International Maverick. Check out R.O.E.'s bouncy, boastful ode to success and vote every Monday in the battle of local rockers, rappers and R&B artists. **KYRA KYLES, REDEYE**

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Holiday DVD wrap-up

Here comes Christmas, and major movie studios are releasing gift-worthy versions of films with additional footage and things you can't download online: books, games, reproductions of memorabilia and other tchotchkes.

Here are some box sets worth putting under the tree. **NEWSDAY**



'Avatar: Extended Collector's Edition'

As part of its ongoing effort to turn "Avatar" into a fanboy favorite like "The Lord of the Rings," Fox has released this three-disc set with the original two-hour, 42-minute version; the theatrically released "Special Edition," which had an extra nine minutes; and yet another "Collector's Extended Cut" that boasts 16 additional minutes (and an alternative opening sequence). There also are 45 minutes of deleted footage and a feature-length documentary.



'The Goonies: 25th Anniversary Collector's Edition'

It's been 25 years since this gonzo cult favorite was released, and Warner Bros. is celebrating with a fancy box set that includes collectible storyboard prints, a reproduction of a 1985 souvenir magazine, a reprint of an actual Empire magazine article that tracked down the movie's youthful cast and a new "Goonies" board game. Oh, and the movie.



'Knight And Day'

This action-comedy starring Tom Cruise as a loosey-goosey superspy and Cameron Diaz as his reluctant sidekick is available in a three-disc Blu-ray set, though there's also a less expensive two-disc Blu-ray version and a single-disc DVD. The extras include making-of features, the theatrical trailer and two "viral videos" (featuring supposedly unrehearsed on-set shenanigans) that were oh-so-casually leaked before the film's release.



'Ultimate Toy Box'

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- 13 Sticky stuff
- 14 Walking stick
- 15 Give one's view
- 16 Lira replacer
- 17 Ceremony
- 18 Liquefies
- 19 Latin phrase meaning "without end"
- 22 Building site
- 23 Save
- 24 Like a mohawk
- 26 Heroic tale
- 29 Puts on, as a play
- 32 Thrashes
- 36 Horse's hair
- 38 "and Circumstance"
- 39 Wheel rod
- 40 "Jack _ could eat no fat..."
- 41 Twosome
- 42 Johann Sebastian _
- 43 Does drugs
- 44 Styly spiteful
- 45 One-celled organism
- 47 Long story
- 49 Overweight
- 51 Church tables
- 56 Metro or Prizm
- 58 Capt.'s superior
- 61 Distribute in portions
- 63 Pealed
- 64 Group of three
- 65 _ over; scout
- 66 City fellow on a ranch
- 67 Final
- 68 Horse with a fast gait
- 69 Thin opening
- 70 Storm center

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- 1 Avoid adroitly
- 2 Gruesome
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- 13 Equipment
- 20 Charges
- 21 Rattled
- 25 Phi Beta _
- 27 Pixies
- 28 Is concerned
- 30 Give off, as rays
- 31 Lively
- 32 "Ali _ & the 40 Thieves"
- 33 Test
- 34 _ beverages; liquor
- 35 Giggle's sound
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- 40 Debonair
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A-list advice

Some of Hollywood's most famous could benefit from Jwoww's D-list experience

By Dana Moran | REDEYE

Talk about an expert! Jwoww will put her "Jersey Shore" wisdom to good use in "The Rules According to Jwoww," a young ladies' advice manual due out in February, The New York Post reported this week. Given the state of young Hollywood lately, it looks like there are a more than a few starlets in need of some guidance. RedEye scoped out Jwoww's potential protégés and some tips to throw their way.



RULE NO. 54

Sext at your own risk

After **Vanessa Hudgens** and Zac Efron reportedly split this week, we were reminded that Zac still has naked pictures of her from a 2007 sexing incident. Granted,

so does the rest of the world, since they were leaked to the public, but under normal circumstances Vanessa might be pretty worried about Zac showing off the goods to his friends post-relationship. GETTYIMAGESPHOTO



RULE NO. 1

Take time for yourself

With all the glitz and glamour involved in being famous, it's easy to forget that stars have to actually *work* at it. But, as we've seen with **Lindsay Lohan**, who's in the middle of a three-month stint in drug rehab, and Demi Lovato, who entered treatment for medical and emotional issues last month, being fabulous isn't easy. Be sure to take care of yourself. L.A. TIMES PHOTO



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RULE NO. 67

Don't do bong hits when cameras are present

Plenty of stars should have learned this lesson by now, including Michael Phelps, but this one goes out to the recently-turned-18 **Miley Cyrus**, who was snapped inhaling in a video that hit the Web last week. Even though salvia—the substance reportedly in the bong—is legal in California, and plenty of young people experiment, this isn't a video you want your kids finding when you're 40.



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RULE NO. 7

Your booty is your own property

Women (and men) get to decide who touches their bodies, and the booty is no exception. **Nicki Minaj** looked plenty flustered when Regis Philbin gave her a pat on the rear on a recent episode of "Live With Regis and Kelly." Goofy old man or no, that's just not OK without permission—he needs a talking-to.



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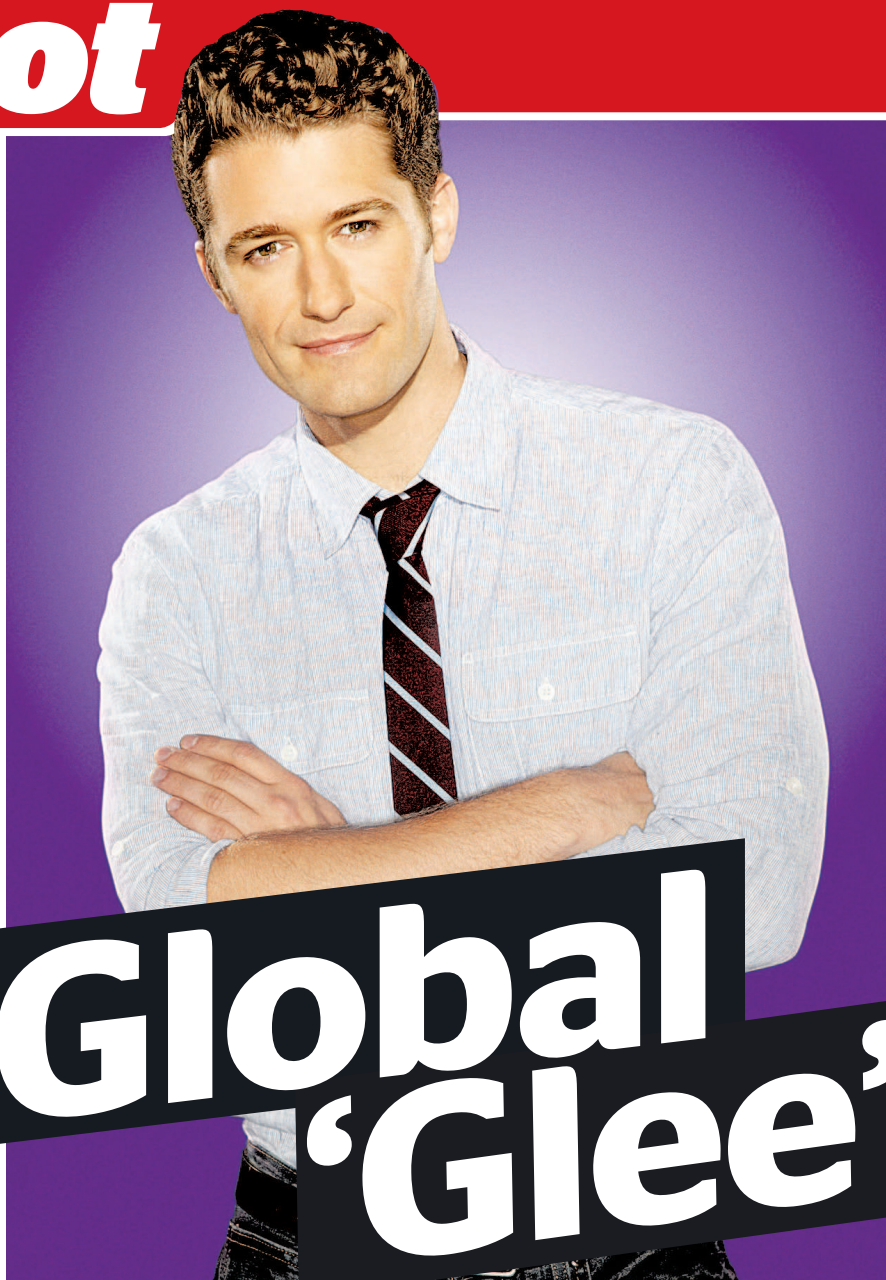


All eyes on Sandra

Sandra Bullock won an Oscar, got divorced and adopted a boy all in a span of a few months. And for that, she's been named woman of the year in People magazine's issue of the 25 most intriguing people of 2010. The special issue, which hits newsstands Friday, also singled out Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie as "Glam Parents" and Sarah Palin as "Big Gun."

"In honor of oil-soaked birds, 'tweets' are now 'gurgles.'"

—The most retweeted Twitter post of the year, made in June by **Stephen Colbert**, according to the social media site



Global 'Glee'

Matthew Morrison (above) is leaving the high school choir room and hitting the road. The "Glee" star is set to go on a world tour sans his musical co-stars this spring when the show wraps its second season, **ew.com** reports. Morrison starts rehearsals with his band in two weeks and is finishing his solo album, which will be released in May.

MORE 'GLEE'

And don't forget, the Chicago casting call for Oxygen network's "The Glee Project" is this weekend. Visit **thegleeproject.oxygen.com** for more information.



Kanye in your stocking

Kanye West officially is in the holiday spirit of giving. The MC on Wednesday released an early online version

West

of "Christmas in Harlem," a five-minute song in which he and CyHi Da Prince rap "over a gentle piano melody ... maintaining a playful mood while toasting the Christmas spirit." How jolly!

Get crazy ... part 3

The "Jersey Shore" Season 3 trailer has been released, and viewers should be warned: The cast has acquired a vuvuzela (aka the "grenade whistle"). Other things keeping us on the edge of our seats with anticipation: massive girl fights, the arrival of new cast member Deena Nicole Cortese and Snooki's epic beach face-plant/arrest. The next round of antics starts at 9 p.m. Jan. 6 on MTV, according to **people.com**.



Rock and roll snubs

Here's who won't be entering the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next year: Bon Jovi, the Beastie Boys and LL Cool J. They were among the

Jon Bon Jovi

snubs when the 2011 inductees were announced Wednesday. Still, it's hard to argue with the artists who will be enshrined next spring: Tom Waits, Neil Diamond, the Alice Cooper Band, Dr. John and Darlene Love. The induction ceremony will be held in March in New York.

THE DIGIT

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